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STATE'S COTTON PRODUCTION INCREASES 24 PERCENT

The Arizona Agricultural Statistics Office reported that the State's 2004 cotton crop totaled 686,000 bales, 24 percent higher than the final 2003 production of 554,600 bales.

Upland cotton production is estimated at 680,000 bales, from 238,000 acres harvested. The crop yielded 1,371 pounds per acre, compared with 1,239 pounds per acre last year.

American-Pima production is estimated at 6,000 bales. The crop was harvested from 3,000 acres and yielded an average of 960 pounds per acre, compared with 920 pounds per acre in 2003.

Upland cotton production in the United States is estimated at a record high 22.3 million bales, up 26 percent from 2003. Production in the three leading upland cotton states are as follows: Texas, 7.50 million bales, up 73 percent; Mississippi, 2.37 million bales, up 12 percent; and Arkansas, 2.09 million bales, up 16 percent.

The U.S. American-Pima crop totaled 736,000 bales, up from 432,300 bales last year. California was the largest contributor with 670,000 bales, up 81 percent from the previous year.

Arizona cottonseed production for 2004 was 255,000 tons, up 18 percent from last year. U.S. production, at 8.41 million tons, is up 26 percent.

Arizona's citrus crop for 2004-05 is forecast as follows: lemons, 2.40 million boxes, down 20 percent from the previous season; grapefruit, 180,000 boxes, up 29 percent; Valencia oranges, 190,000 boxes, up 12 percent; navel and miscellaneous oranges, 240,000 boxes, down 20 percent; and tangerines, 450,000 boxes, down 35 percent from last season.

Citrus production in California is forecast as follows: lemons, 19.5 million boxes, up 8 percent; grapefruit, 5.30 million boxes, down 2 percent; Valencia oranges, 16.5 million boxes, up 18 percent; navel and miscellaneous oranges, 44.0 million boxes, up 16 percent; and tangerines, 2.90 million boxes, up 7 percent from the previous season.

Arizona durum wheat seedings for 2005, are expected to total 100,000 acres, unchanged from 2004. Other wheat seeding, at 5,000 acres, is also unchanged from last year.

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